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**Part 15**  
**School Safety and Crisis Line**

**53A-11-1501 Title.**

This part is known as "School Safety and Crisis Line."

Amended by Chapter 442, 2015 General Session

**53A-11-1502 Definitions.**

As used in this part:

- (1) "Commission" means the School Safety and Crisis Line Commission established in Section 53A-11-1504.
- (2) "University Neuropsychiatric Institute" means the mental health and substance abuse treatment institute within the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics.

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**53A-11-1503 School Safety and Crisis Line established.**

The University Neuropsychiatric Institute shall:

- (1) establish a School Safety and Crisis Line to provide:
  - (a) a means for an individual to anonymously report:
    - (i) unsafe, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of such activities at or near a public school;
    - (ii) incidents of bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, or hazing; and
    - (iii) incidents of physical or sexual abuse committed by a school employee or school volunteer; and
  - (b) crisis intervention, including suicide prevention, to individuals experiencing emotional distress or psychiatric crisis;
- (2) provide the services described in Subsection (1) 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and
- (3) when necessary, or as required by law, promptly forward a report received under Subsection (1)(a) to appropriate:
  - (a) school officials; and
  - (b) law enforcement officials.

Repealed and Re-enacted by Chapter 442, 2015 General Session

**53A-11-1504 School Safety and Crisis Line Commission established -- Members.**

- (1) There is created the School Safety and Crisis Line Commission composed of the following members:
  - (a) one member who represents the Office of the Attorney General, appointed by the attorney general;
  - (b) one member who represents the Utah Public Education System, appointed by the State Board of Education;
  - (c) one member who represents the Utah System of Higher Education, appointed by the State Board of Regents;
  - (d) one member who represents the Utah Department of Health, appointed by the executive director of the Department of Health;

- (e) one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
  - (f) one member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate;
  - (g) one member who represents the University Neuropsychiatric Institute, appointed by the chair of the commission;
  - (h) one member who represents law enforcement who has extensive experience in emergency response, appointed by the chair of the commission;
  - (i) one member who represents the Utah Department of Human Services who has experience in youth services or treatment services, appointed by the executive director of the Department of Human Services; and
  - (j) two members of the public, appointed by the chair of the commission.
- (2)
- (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), members of the commission shall be appointed to four-year terms.
  - (b) The length of the terms of the members shall be staggered so that approximately half of the committee is appointed every two years.
  - (c) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the commission, the replacement shall be appointed for the unexpired term.
- (3)
- (a) The attorney general's designee shall serve as chair of the commission.
  - (b) The chair shall set the agenda for commission meetings.
- (4) Attendance of a simple majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of official commission business.
- (5) Formal action by the commission requires a majority vote of a quorum.
- (6)
- (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a member may not receive compensation, benefits, per diem, or travel expenses for the member's service.
  - (b) Compensation and expenses of a member who is a legislator are governed by Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation and Expenses.
- (7) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide staff support to the commission.

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**53A-11-1505 School Safety and Crisis Line Commission duties.**

The commission shall coordinate:

- (1) statewide efforts related to the School Safety and Crisis Line; and
- (2) with the State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents to promote awareness of the services available through the School Safety and Crisis Line.

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**53A-11-1506 State Board of Education and local boards of education to update policies and promote awareness.**

- (1) The State Board of Education shall:
  - (a) revise the conduct and discipline policy models, described in Section 53A-11-901, to include procedures for responding to reports received under Subsection 53A-11-1503(3); and

- (b) revise the curriculum developed by the State Board of Education for the parent seminar, described in Section 53A-15-1302, to include information about the School Safety and Crisis Line.
- (2) A local school board or charter school governing board shall:
  - (a) revise the conduct and discipline policies, described in Section 53A-11-902, to include procedures for responding to reports received under Subsection 53A-11-1503(3); and
  - (b) inform students, parents, and school personnel about the School Safety and Crisis Line.

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